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In re: Application of: El-Shall et al.

Patent No.: 6,830,696

Application No. 10/725,158

Issue Date: December 14, 2004

Date Filed: December 1, 2003

For: TREATMENT OF SPENT PULPING LIQUOR WITH LIGNIN SEPARATION  
TO RECOVER ALKALI PULPING CHEMICALS IN MANUFACTURE  
OF PAPER PULP

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Respectfully submitted,

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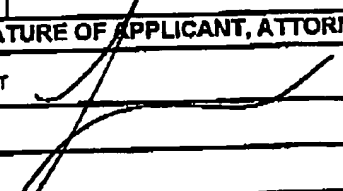
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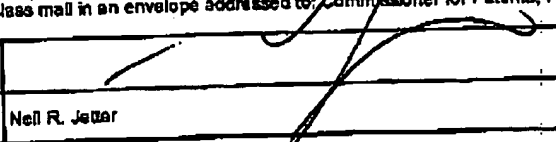
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Sincerely,

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